



Malheur National Forest

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MALHEUR NATIONAL FOREST GOES TO IFPL 4 PUBLIC USE RESTRICTIONS REMAIN IN EFFECT

John Day, OR – Effective at 0001, Wednesday, August 22nd 2012, the Industrial Fire Precaution Level (IFPL) on the North Zone of the Malheur National Forest, which includes Blue Mountain and Prairie City Ranger Districts, will go to IFPL 4, the south zone Emigrant Creek Ranger District moved to an IFPL Level 4 on August 17th, announced Roy Walker, Forest Fuels Specialist.

“Due to high temperatures and low humidity we have moved into an extreme fire danger,” said Walker. “We ask forest visitors to use caution when traveling on the forest and to report any fires they may see as well as violations of these restrictions.”

Under IFPL 4, all industrial operations are prohibited. Firewood cutting is also prohibited on the entire Malheur National Forest.

Open campfire or charcoal grills are only allowed in specific designated recreation sites. Liquid gas stoves and heaters are allowed. Smoking is only permitted in an enclosed vehicle, building, or within specific developed recreation sites. Smoking is also allowed while stopped in an area that is at least three feet in diameter and is cleared of all flammable material. Smoking is not permitted while traveling through timber, brush, or grass. The use of chainsaws and generators in timber, grass, or brush is also prohibited until further notice. Generators may be used if in a clear, dirt circle no less than 10 feet in diameter, or in the bed of a pickup that has been cleared of flammable material. Off-road vehicle travel is not permitted.

“By raising the IFPL and keeping public use restrictions in effect, we hope that we can reduce the risk of wildland fire”, added Walker.

To report a forest fire, call Malheur National Forest Dispatch at 541-575-1321. More information about fire restrictions on the Malheur National Forest can be obtained by calling 541-575-3000, or visit www.fs.fed.us/r6/malheur.

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DESIGNATED RECREATION SITES

EMIGRANT RANGER DISTRICT

Idlewild Campground
Yellowjacket Campground
Rock Springs Camp (T.18S. R.32E. Sec24)
Delintment Campground
Falls Campground
Emigrant Campground
Joaquin Miller Campground
Buck Spring Campground
Tip Top Campground

PRAIRIE CITY RANGER DISTRICT

Strawberry Campground
Trout Farm Campground
Big Creek Campground
North Fork Campground
Elk Creek Campground
Crescent Campground
Little Crane Campground
Murray Campground
Slide Horse Camp
Slide Creek Campground
Short Creek Guard Station (Renters Only)

BLUE MOUNTAIN RANGER DISTRICT

Canyon Meadows Campground
Wickiup Campground
Parish Cabin Campground
Starr Campground
Dixie Campground
Middle Fork Campground
Lower Camp Creek Campground
Magone Lake Campground
Deerhorn Campground
Oregon Mine Campground
Billy Fields Campground
Deer Creek Guard Station (Renters Only)